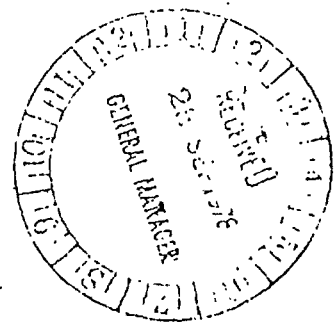


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SUBJECT: ENEWETAK CLEANUP/REHAB OPERATION

1. ONE ELEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S (DOI'S) REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR ENEWETAK ATOLL INVOLVES PLANTING SOME 41,000 COCONUT SEEDLINGS, PRIMARILY FOR COPRA PRODUCTION TO PROVIDE THE MAJOR CASH CROP FOR PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK.

2. MAJORITY OF THESE SEEDLINGS (ABOUT 27,000) ARE SCHEDULED TO BE PLANTED ON THREE SOUTHERN RESIDENTIAL ISLANDS (ENEWETAK, MEDREN, JAPTAN). REMAINDER (ABOUT 14,000) ARE PLANNED FOR SEVEN NON-RESIDENTIAL ISLANDS, SIX OF WHICH ARE IN NORTHEASTERN QUADRANT
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(AEJ, LUJOR, AOMON, BIJIRE, LOJWA, ALEMABEL).

3. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) HAS RECENTLY OBTAINED NEW DATA ON RADIONUCLIDE UPTAKE IN COCONUTS AND IS REASSESSING ADVISABILITY OF PLANTING ON NORTHEASTERN ISLANDS DURING CLEANUP/REHAB PERIOD (SCHEDULED TO END IN APRIL 1980). DECISIONS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

A. IF DECISION IS FAVORABLE, DOI WILL BE ON TIGHT SCHEDULE TO PURCHASE SEEDLINGS, PLACE IN NURSERIES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPLANT, COMPLETING EFFORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED CLEANUP/REHAB SCHEDULE.

B. IF DECISION IS NOT FAVORABLE, ALL CONCERNED WITH ENEWETAK

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CLEANUP/REHAB WILL BE EVEN MORE PRESSED TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES, REACH DECISIONS, AND EXECUTE--STILL REMAINING WITHIN ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST FIELD COMMAND (DNA) COMMENCE WORK IMMEDIATELY WITH ALL CONCERNED (PRINCIPALLY DOE, TTPI, HOLMES AND NARVER (H&N), MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES (MLS), PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK, DOE, JTG, AND SERVICE ELEMENTS ON ATOLL) TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO COCONUT PLANTING ON SIX NORTHEASTERN ISLANDS. PURPOSE OF EFFORT IS TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR EITHER FAVORABLE

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OR UNFAVORABLE DOE DECISION IN OCTOBER.

5. GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING EFFORT:

A. IT IS STILL ANTICIPATED THAT ENEWETAK CLEANUP/REHAB PROGRAM WILL BE COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE IN APRIL 1980.

B. IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT CLEANUP/REHAB PROGRAM DE-

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LIVER PLANNED RESULTS--IN THIS CASE 41,000 COMMERCIAL COCONUTS
PLANTED AND GROWING. (NOTE: IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT ADDITIONAL
PLANTINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, BU
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OF PLANNED ORIGINAL QUANTITY ON SCHEDULE IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.)

C. ASSUME DOE WILL EVALUATE EACH NORTHEASTERN ISLAND
INDIVIDUALLY, THUS ALTERNATIVE PLANS SHOULD ENCOMPASS LOSS OF
ONE ISLAND (LUJOR), SOME OF THE OR ALL SIX.

D. CONSIDER ALL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE PLANTING LOCATIONS;
E.G., SOUTHEASTERN ISLANDS; SOUTHWESTERN ISLANDS; BILLAE; MORE
INTENSIVE USE OF RESIDENTIAL ISLANDS; ENJEBI; UJELANG; ETC.

E. WORK CLOSELY WITH DOI/TTPH/H&N/MLS REPS IN GETTING VIEWS
OF PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK. (NOTE: IN DNA'S VIEW, NO ALTERNATIVE
CAN BE ADOPTED WHICH DOES NOT HAVE COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SUP-
PORT OF PEOPLE.)

F. WORK CLOSELY WITH DOE REPS IN ENSURING ALL ALTERNATIVES
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ARE RADIOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE.

G. ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE EFFORT IN OCTOBER.

6. IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY RECOGNIZED THAT ULTIMATE DECISIONS
ON PLANTING PLANS ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF DOI, AS SPONSOR FOR
REHAB PORTION OF PROGRAM. HOWEVER, ENTIRE ENEWETAK OPERATION
IS SO CLOSELY INTEGRATED THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS (DOD, DOE, DOI,
ETC.), WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY PLANTING DECISION.
-THEREFORE, BELIEVE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES WILL ASSIST
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